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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed copies of letters I received from several constituents expressing concern about the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proposed rule affecting remote control hobby devices--PR Docket 92-235. My constituents believe the proposed rule will greatly reduce the number of frequencies assigned for remote control devices which, in turn, would increase the risk of accidents and liability.

I would like to have my constituents' comments reviewed by the FCC and submitted to the docket's public record. Your reply will be very helpful to me in responding to my constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jan Meyers

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Member of Congress

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The Honorable Jan Meyers
1230 Longworth Bldg
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Dear Mrs. Jan Meyers:

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I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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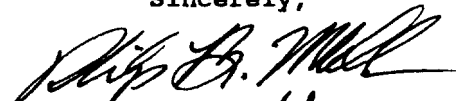
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 Mhz band.

Sincerely,


Philip B. Mallonee
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The Honorable Jan Meyers
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Dear Mrs. Meyers:

I am a retired Federal Employee and I derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. In my earlier years, I was an active private pilot and spent many enjoyable hours flying single engine fixed landing gear aircraft. I have been interested in aviation for quite a number of years. Currently, I am active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I personally own three pieces of radio equipment worth approximately \$800.00 that would be rendered unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Dear Ms. Meyers;

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I am retired on disability, and being unable to pursue my other interests, such as hunting, shooting, and motorcycle riding, have concentrated on radio controlled model airplanes as my only pass-time. I, as well as many other retirees, get a great deal of pleasure from building and flying model planes. There are about fifty members in our club in Lawrence, and quite a few more than that in Topeka.

I am writing you because I am concerned about a proposed rule change being considered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This is PR Docket 92-235. The FCC, in co-operation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, re-organized the frequencies that modelers were able to use in '91, so there is definitely a need for the frequencies we have available, but my understanding is that this change, if adopted, will make many of the frequencies unusable for safe operation of model aircraft.

The Frequencies we use are primarily in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is used for private land mobile dispatch use as well, but they have been spread apart enough that interfering with each other, but this rule change would space them so close as to make many of them unusable for safe use by modelers. I am told that of fifty frequencies now available for model use, only nineteen would be usable after this change.

Safety is one of our prime concerns, and you can see where with planes from three to ten foot wingspan, and weights from two to forty pounds, we want to keep these planes under control. At many of our meets there are as few as two or three, to thousands of spectators, so safety is a must.

I do not think The FCC should seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile users at the expense of modelers. We had this same thing with CB radios years ago, and it made model frequencies which were spread

between the CB bands un useable. The FCC may consider our use of frequencies as unimportant, compared to commercial users, but there is a great deal of expense involved on the part of modelers, and a lot of people with jobs in the hobby industry involved, also.

Please excuse the length of the letter, but there are a lot of things involved here to tell you about. I hope you will help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out this proposal which will surely ruin a very nice and useful hobby.

Sincerely,

David Norris

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The Honorable Jan Meyers
1230 Longworth Bldg.
Washington, DC. 20515

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Dear Representative Meyers:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I am a radio controlled model boat hobbyist and active in a local club in the Kansas City area. I've been involved in this sport for over ten years and has turned into a real passion for me.

I am every concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-75 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio -control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with each other.

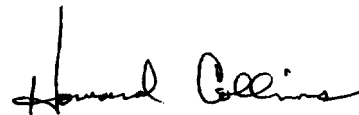
The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaced Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C boats and cars) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the R/C modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like my self and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72- 75 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard Collins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Howard Collins
12611 Wenonga Lane
Leawood , Kansas 66209

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1900 W. 61st Terrace
Shawnee Mission, KS 66208
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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January 9, 1993

Jan Meyers
1230 Longworth Bldg
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mrs. Meyers:

I am a university professor of engineering and, for many years, have enjoyed participating in the hobby of constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. There are no other hobbies I have found that develop greater technical skill or are more challenging than this one. I have several thousand dollars invested in equipment and literally years of construction time.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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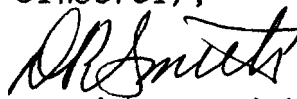
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Sincerely,



Donald R. Smith

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Overland Park, KS 66210
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Dear Ms. Meyers:

Being an aviation enthusiast, and also an operator of radio controlled airplanes, I care about maintaining our aviation heritage. While most airplanes are aging and much too expensive to maintain, our hobby of building and flying radio controlled airplanes is the last avenue for our children to see and experience our aviation heritage.

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Sincerely,



Ray Burchett

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Arthur J. Kittler
515 East Cedar
Olathe, KS 66061-4707

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The Honorable Jan Meyers
1230 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Mrs. Meyers:

I am an active hobbyist in model aviation. Aviation made an early impact on my life because I grew up on a farm that was in line with the active runway of the local airport. The "bug" bit me then, and now I enjoy an economical alternative to full scale aviation by taking part in Radio Control aviation. This hobby is the only one I am aware of that can be relaxing (during building sessions), educating (during club meetings), rewarding (when teaching others), and challenging (when competing) all at the same time, and all for a moderate investment. I consider a moderate investment between \$ 200 and \$ 500 dollars since I am on a lean budget.

The reason I write to you is to express my concern regarding PR Docket 92-235. It is my understanding that this rules proposal, which was generated by the FCC Land Mobile Service, will greatly jeopardize the safety and well-being of my hobby.

Currently, the modeling industry uses radio frequencies from 72 Mhz to 76 Mhz for control of our models. This frequency band is shared with land mobile dispatch operators. At present, there are few interferences between the two operations due to adequate separation (spacing) of frequencies throughout the band.

The FCC is now requesting (via PR Docket 92-235) that this current frequency band be restructured to accommodate more land mobile frequencies, i.e., more frequencies with less space between them. I am told that if these rules are adopted, the modeling community will lose at least 30 of the currently 50 frequency channels designated for hobby use.

The reasoning is thus: mobile pagers by definition are not confined to broadcasting their signals from a fixed location. They can transmit their signals anytime and anywhere. The modeling community goes to great lengths in finding (and keeping) designated flying fields, with one thing prominent... safety coming first. But with this proposed FCC ruling, the modeling industry's current radios will be rendered unsafe on many frequencies due to the likely interference with mobile pagers' transmissions. Radio interference in this hobby not only could spell disaster for a multi-hundred dollar model, but could also spell tragedy for a modeler or other innocent bystander if an out-of-control model should wander toward a crowd. The modeling community recognizes this danger up front; hence, this letter to you.

While the modeling community may seem to be "just another special interest group," please consider there are well over one hundred thousand people registered in the Academy of Model Aeronautics alone, (does not include "independents") whose significant hobby investments would be in jeopardy. Not only would the "end-user" need to make adjustments, but worldwide manufacturers that provide radio equipment (Futaba, Hi-Tec, RCD, JR, Airtronics, World Expert, ACE RC, Kraft) would need to restructure their product lines for the US market on account of the land mobile users.

In closing, if PR Docket 92-235 were to be approved, safety in the modeling hobby would be greatly reduced, the manufacturers' product lines would need to be restructured in an attempt to regain the lost safety margin (most likely economically unfeasible), and an enjoyable hobby would turn into a nightmare for thousands of modelers currently on a tight budget. I urge you to vote down PR Docket 92-235.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jan Meyers
1230 Longworth Bldg
Washington, DC 20515

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Representative Meyers,

Recently it has come to my attention that the FCC is considering a change to the radio frequencies which operate in the area that I have been using for my Radio Control Hobby. This would not normally be of concern to myself but in this case I have invested more than a thousand dollars in equipment which is designed to operate in this normally allocated hobby frequency range.

This FCC proposal NPRM-PR Docket 92-235 would make my present equipment investment obsolete, and necessitate a costly procedure for changing the equipment I have to operate in a less safe environment.

Let me explain:

At the present time, the FCC has allocated 50 frequencies in the 72MZ frequency range and 30 Frequencies in the 75MZ band for Radio Control hobby use. These frequencies are now shared by commercial users, but are separated by an amount of spectrum that presently allows radio manufactures to economically produce a radio which operates along with the commercial users and not interfere with their signals. It is very important that this amount of separation be maintained as the models with are controlled by Radio can not tolerate any interference with its control signal while in the air as the smallest amount of interference can cause the model to become uncontrollable, and as a result very dangerous.

As you can see these are not toys but actually small models which can serve to train future pilots as my son my become. His participation with me in this hobby has certainly opened a possible career window for him.

If I understand the proposal correctly there may be a small number of frequencies maintained which would keep the present separation between frequencies. I understand this may be 19 channels out of the present 80 plus which are now available in both bands. This can also present additional safety problems as model radios are manufactured with one frequency and if the number of frequencies is decreased by 70% the competition for the remaining channels will without a doubt increase the opportunity for accidents.

As a matter of interest and well as annoyance for myself the FCC has been working with one of our national organizations the AMA(Academy of Model Aeronautics,Reston Va.) for the past five years to develop a Band Plan which allocated the present frequencies which are used by the Radio Control hobby. This joint effort resulted in the implementation last year of what is called the "1991 frequencies". I have myself invested in radio equipment which conforms to this "new" standard which was promised by the FCC. This tendency to change the policy direction for frequency assignments every year or so is not consistent with the Radio Control equipment which is presently available. If these proposals are put in place my equipment(three Radios) (which all fall into the effected frequency) will not be usable without expensive modifications.

I hope I have caused you to examine this FCC proposal in greater detail and I urge that you recommend to the FCC that this proposal be modified to not place additional frequencies close to those now allocated to Radio Control use.

Chuck Carson
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The Honorable Jan Meyers
1230 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Sanderson".

Jim Sanderson
250 West Park
Gardner, Kansas 66030

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Sincerely,

Phillip Beine
Phillip Beine
16 East 2200 Road
Wellsville, Kansas 66092

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The Honorable Jane Meyers

I am writing due to the proposed
Rule making: P R Docket 92-235.

My wife and I both are active
Radio Control Modelers. We really
enjoy showing off our models at
Fly-Ins that we attend during
the flying season.

Having two modelers in the family
means that we spend a lot of money
on our great hobby (Which is far
better than spending it on drinking
and/or smoking). We spend in the
neighborhood of \$3,000⁰⁰ a year on
our models. Probably more really!

With that kind of money I would
hate to have my plane crash because
of a land mobile phone that will
not be required to have their trans-
mitters checked for being off frequency.
At Fly-Ins we attend they require
you to have your transmitters narrow-
banded and at some Fly-Ins they
check your radios to make sure they
are narrow-band, if they are not
you do not fly!! So please
for the safety of our sport and
over 200,000 others, please turn

down the proposal.

Thank You

Dennis & Trish Brooks

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Ms. Leahy, Linda Gephardt:

I would call your attention to something the President wants - Tax on Medical Benefits now.

I am a Federal Retiree (FBI 70. member) and I spent 30 years in FAA Air Traffic Control. I kept on working there when it was "really tough going" because I wanted to retire and receive my annuity, and F.E.H.B.'s at least has proven to be a real good retirement benefit. Now he wants to "get" this retirement benefit after 30 years in ATC you really need this benefit and so does the union. It came they "endured" as well as we "retirees" did. There were many controllers in ATC that had to give up the work because it physically and mentally affected their lives and many were clerical and many were able to receive "physical" or "psychological" pensions. I worked 3 shifts in 40 hr weeks for many years and that alone can "mess up" lives.

Also I am a Dependent (Contributor) to DSCC, DECC, DNC + ETC (Individuals)

Please give the your concern and please help us in "our time of need".

Consort of F.E.H.B.'s has risen each year and this year again - \$16⁰⁰ a month (G.E.H.A) for me.

Love,

Your past support and help has been appreciated
very much. Hope you can "see fit" to help
me again.

I am not a member of any "union" and never
was invited in a "strike".

Am 80 years of age - my wife is 76.

Deceased 4/15/72.

Thank you again.

James R. Kerr.

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Dear Ms. Meyers:

I am writing to express my concern over a proposed FCC rule (NPRM PR 92-235), which would essentially eliminate a hobby that is one of the main pleasures in my life - radio-controlled airplanes. I love aviation, but I do not have the money to fly full-sized airplanes.

The proposed FCC regulation would squeeze several mobile communications channels between each pair of R/C channels. We just went through a big changeover in 1992 to add more RC channels and allow communication channels between them, which required the whole R/C community to switch to new "narrow band" equipment. I've almost \$700.00 tied up in radios ~~etc~~ alone, not to mention airplanes, motors & field equipment. If the new regulation is enacted, the LEGAL tolerances will allow the communications channels to overlap the R/C channels: a car driving or a boat on a nearby lake with a cellular phone, or a cordless phone in a nearby neighborhood could cause a hobbyist to lose control of his or her airplane. Aside from the assured destruction of the model, property damage and injury on the ground are possible (some planes weigh 10 lbs. + & go 80-100 mph!!). Jayhawk Modelmasters has 10-150 active members, & the vast majority of our radios will become junk under these new rules. I understand the need of the communications industry for more channels, but we've already sacrificed - let them fight over other parts of the frequency spectrum.

Sincerely,
David E. Alexander
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